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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals**

1. In observance of International Women's Day, the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information in collaboration with the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality are organizing a special event in honour of International Women's Day. The event, Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals, will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, 7 March 2003, in Conference Room 2.

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will moderate the event. Guest speakers will include: Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General; Geeta Rao Gupta, Co-Chair, Millennium Project Task Force; Emilia Fernandes, Secretary of State for Women's Rights, Brazil; Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Asia; and Sergio Vieira de Mello, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

3. A live and on-demand webcast can be accessed at the web site for International Women's Day at www.un.org/events/women/2003/.

4. Staff members wishing to participate in this event will be released from their duties subject to the exigencies of service.

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